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OFFICIAL GOU REPORT ON JULY 10 SESSION WITH GENERAL AMIN WAS LEAD ITEM ON 5 P.M. RADIO NEWS AND 8 P.M. TV NEWS JULY 10 AND IS FRONT-PAGED IN JULY 11 VOICE OF UGANDA UNDER HEADLINE "GENERAL AMIN WARNS U.S.: SECURITY FORCES IN UGANDA ARE ON THE ALERT," ALONG WITH THREE-COLUMN PICTURE. FULL TEXT FOLLOWS. COMMENT SEPTEL.

BEGIN TEXT. THE UGANDA SECURITY FORCES ARE ON THE ALERT, CLOSELY WATCHING THE AMERICANS ACTIVITIES IN THE COUNTRY, PRESIDENT AMIN TOLD THE UNITED STATES CHARGE D'AFFAIRES TO UGANDA, MR. ROBERT KEELEY AT PARLIAMENT BUILDING IN KAMPALA. YESTERDAY WHERE MR. KEELEY HAD BEEN CALLED OVER THE 110 AMERICAN PEACE CORPS WORKERS WHO HAD BEEN GROUNDED AT ENTEBBE AIRPORT A UNCLASSIFIED

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FEW DAYS AGO.

PRESIDENT AMIN STRONGLY WARNED THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT THAT IF IT WANTS TO PLAY DIRTY TRICKS, IT SHOULD DO IT WITH COUNTRIES LIKE CAMBODIA, KOREA, VIETNAM AND THOSE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND NOT WITH UGANDA, UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP.

HE SAID THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE IT CLEAR TO THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT THAT UGANDA IS NOT CONTROLLED BY ANY SUPER POWER AND THAT HE ADMINISTERS THE COUNTRY WITH THE ADVICE OF THE PEOPLE THEMSELVES AND NOT ANYBODY ELSE FROM ANY FOREIGN COUNTRY.

THE PRESIDENT TOLD THE ENVOY THAT UGANDA IS NOT READY TO ENTERTAIN ANY PROPAGANDA BY AMERICANS AGAINST HER.

HE DOES NOT WANT TO HEAR OF ANY AGGRESSIONS BUT ONLY PEACE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

GENERAL AMIN SAID THAT HE IS NOT AGAINST THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT BUT HER ATTITUDE TOWARDS PEACE, AND HER INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER STATES BY DESTROYING THEIR PROPERTIES AND KILLING INNOCENT PEOPLE.

HE HAD RECENTLY CABLED THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT ON THAT SUBJECT AND HOPED THAT HE WOULD TAKE HEED.

PRESIDENT AMIN WARNED ALL THE AMERICAN PERSONNEL WORKING IN UGANDA NOT TO ENGAGE IN ANY SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES OF ANY NATURE IN UGANDA, AND ADDED THAT IF ANYONE OF THEM IS FOUND OUT TO BE WORKING AGAINST THE INTERESTS OF THE COUNTRY, HE WILL BE FORCED TO TAKE A VERY DRASTIC DECISION AGAINST THEM.

HE SAID THAT WHILE IN UGANDA ALL THE AMERICANS IN THE COUNTRY SHOULD SERIOUSLY ENGAGE THEMSELVE IN THEIR OWN BUSINESSES AND NOT TO INTERFERE IN OTHER AFFAIRS OF WHICH THEY HAVE NO CONCERN.

HE SAID THAT HE IS NOT READY TO SEE ANOTHER CAMBODIA OR VIETNAM IN UGANDA, WHICH HE SAID IS NOW VERY PEACEFUL AND SELF-RELIANT.

THE GENERAL TOLD THE AMERICAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES THAT IT IS SHOCKING TO LEARN THAT IN ONLY TWO YEARS 22 MINOR RELIGIOUS SECTS HAD INFILTRATED UGANDA FROM AMERICA.

HE SAID THAT ACCORDING TO GOVERNMENT POLICY, ONLY THREE RELIGIOUS SECTS ARE RECOGNISED IN THE COUNTRY--THE ROMAN CATHOLIC, PROTESTANT AND ISLAM.

ALL THE PEOPLE, THEREFORE, WHO BELONGED TO THE OTHER MINOR RELIGIOUS SECTS WHICH WERE RECENTLY BANNED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND WHO ARE NOT UGANDANS ARE REQUIRED TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY AT ONCE. THESE PEOPLE WERE FOUND TO BE WORKING AGAINST THE INTERESTS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND CARRYING OUT SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES.

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IN REPLY, THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES TOLD THE PRESIDENT THAT HE HAD ALREADY SUBMITTED A LIST OF ALL THE AMERICANS STAYING IN UGANDA TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AS HE HAD BEEN ASKED TO DO.

MR. KEELEY SAID THAT AS FAR AS HE KNOWS, ALL THE AMERICANS WORKING IN UGANDA ARE ONLY ENGAGED IN THEIR PARTICULAR JOBS AND NONE OF THEM WAS CARRYING OUT SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES AGAINST UGANDA.

HE TOLD THE PRESIDENT, HOWEVER, THAT SOME REPORTS REACH THE GENERAL IN AN EXAGGERATED FORM WITH THE AIM OF SPOILING THE

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

PRESIDENT AMIN TOLD HIM THAT IN FUTURE, THE UGANDA GOVERNMENT MUST ALWAYS BE INFORMED ABOUT ANY NUMBER OF AMERICANS COMING TO OR FLYING OR STOPPING OVER IN THE COUNTRY.

"THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT TO UGANDA BECAUSE I DO NOT WANT TO SEE THE COUNTRY CHANGED TO ANOTHER CAMBODIA."

HE SAID THAT HE HAD CALLED HIM BECAUSE OF THE OVER 110 AMERICAN PEACE CORPS WHO HAD ENTERED UGANDA BEFORE THE COUNTRY WAS TOLD OF THEIR DESTINATION AND WHERE THEY WERE COMING FROM.

BUT NOW AS HE HAD BEEN BRIEFED BY HIS COLLEAGUE, PRESIDENT MOBUTU SESE SEKO, THAT THEY WERE UNDER A CONTRACT WITH THE ZAIRE GOVERNMENT, HE HAD ALLOWED THEM TO PROCEED.

WISHING PRESIDENT NIXON A "VERY SPEEDY RECOVERY FROM HIS WATERGATE PROBLEM," THE PRESIDENT REQUESTED THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES TO CONVEY TO MR. NIXON ALL HIS BEST WISHED FOR THE FUTURE AND TO INFORM HIM IN DETAIL ABOUT WHAT THEY HAD DISCUSSED.

END TEXT.

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